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## Transmittal Letter New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) Plural Inventors

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

### Enclosed are:

- 1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
- 2. A Specification having a total of twenty-nine (29) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and fifty-one (51) claims.
- 3. Six (6) sheets of drawings.
- 4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.
- 6. And, if indicated:

A preliminary amendment.
An Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding
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A Request and Certification under	35 U.S.C.	122(b)(2) (B)(i).
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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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